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[From "Youth's Companion."]

Behold, a giant am I!
Aloft here in my tower
With my granite jaws I devour
The maize, the wheat and the rye,
And grind them into flour.

I look down over the farms;
In the fields of grain I see
The harvest that is to be,
And I fling aloft my arms,
For I know it is all for me.

I hear the sound of flails
Far off from the threshin-floors
In barns with their open doors,
And the wind, the wind in my sails,
Louder and louder roars.

I stand here in my place,
With my foot on the rock below,
And whichever way it may blow,
I meet it face to face,
As a brave man meets his foe.

And while we wrestle and strive,
My master the miller stands
And feeds me with his hands,
For he knows who makes him thrive
Who makes him lord of lands.

On Sundays I take my rest;
Church-going bells begin
Their low, melodious din;
I cross my hands on my breast,
And all is peace within.

WAY DOWN IN ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK—A PEN PICTURE—THE COLORED VISITORS—CHURCHES AND HOMES—GRANT'S VISIT.

Would you like to have an item or two from here, or are you only interested in affairs contiguous to the heart of this great Republic? I suppose we might call Washington the heart of the Republic and this and all other places members of the same body. I once met a person who considered every one not born in New York City unworthy of his notice and and another who ridiculed nearly every place he visited because it was not like Washington. I hope you are not like either of those, but can rejoice with us in our prosperity and sympathize with us in affliction, knowing if we are only a tiny member of this great body we try to perform the duties incumbent upon us. Who can say the day may not come when our little city will be the heart of the Republic and Washington one of its lesser members? In a land where change is the order and nothing is stable, this is not impossible by many. Let me give you as good a pen picture of our city as I can: On the western side is a hill that is always pleasing to the eye, whether in this time of the year when bud and leaf are only promissory notes, or in the summer when we enjoy fully the many promises of spring, or in fall when every leaf looks as if it had donned its brightest dress in obedience to the mandates of a fairy princess. On the summit of this hill is the Deaf Asylum, and it is a pleasant drive to ascend this eminence, perambulate the grounds and descending enter the city by an opposite direction. To the southward are the fair grounds and Blind Asylum. In the eastern part are the manufactories of which our city boasts of many. Northward is our river, and spanning it is a bridge that we are justly proud of. In summer our river tries to imitate you fashionable Washingtonions by being "out of town"—it is "not at home' to the the smallest and most unassuming of steamers. But when it returns we have great trouble in keeping it within its bounds. We number about 25,000 inhabitants. Most of our residences are fine with capacious grounds tastefully improved. In the business portion are many fine blocks and improvements going on all the time.

The colored people own a large portion of the property here. The most of them own one piece and many as high as three and six. Among the latter are Messrs. Gibbs, Morgan, Garrett, Jenifer, Rector, Alexander, Stevens and others. There are a great many churches, too many in fact, as it shows a want of unity. The finest one was dedicated by Bishop Ward last Sunday. It is quite an evidence of the prosperity and energy of our people in this city. Its cost is $18,000, and its outstanding debts fall below $2.000. It is a fine edifice and would do credit to a Northern city where the people had many years the start of these in civilization.

We have had quite an addition to our social circle this month. Senator Ruby spent a few days with us and Mr. Emerson is still here. One night Senator Ruby delivered an address to a large and enthusiastic audience, and the next evening he read selections from Dickens to a few of the elite. By the large number of smiling faces Mr. Emerson meets everywhere I am lead to infer he has a warm corner in the heart of these people. We shall sadly miss him when he leaves us for already every entertainment seems to lack something till we hear his cheery voice.

We have good schools and I wish I could say the same of the rural districts; but alas! with the exception of about three months in the year the children are turned loose to that monster, ignorance, who is a hindrance to the progress of every nation. There are eleven teachers in our school. The principal is white and is anything but courteous to the teachers. He calls the pupils "little darkies." I believe it's his intention to graduate a class in June. Not that the pupils are ready for graduation, but he thinks it will add *eclat* to him to be able to say he graduated the first class from the Colored High School.

One Democratic paper of this city comes out in strong terms against Cadet Whittaker for mutilating himself so. The South is replete with worse outrages than this, and yet the editor is unwilling to credit this base deed to any one but the poor cadet. The same paper and our Republican organ are having it hot and heavy over the exodusters. The first one contends that there are not any colored people leaving this State and the latter claims there are; not from this immediate section but from other parts and especially from Phillips Co. The Democrats pretend they want the Negroes to leave, but they know full well that the colored people are the bone and sinew of the South. The County Convention met this week and selected delegates to the State Convention which will meet on the 28th inst. The delegation was instructed to select only such men for the Chicago Convention as would vote for Grant first, last and all the time.

And now I must tell you of the greatest event in our city's history—the visit of Gen. Grant. He was to have arrived on the morning of the 15th, but instead arrived on the evening of the 14th, as his arrival was so much earlier than every one expected. I wonder if his warm Republican friends, of whom he has many, (although there are unpleasant recollections of the Brooks-Baxter settlement in the hearts of a large number of them) considered it expedient to have arrive thus for fear some good conciliated Southerner might tamper with the rails? The news of his arrival must have borrowed the wings of the lightning for in a few moments the street in front of his hotel was thronged, and men were almost climbing over each other, so eager were they to gain an entrance. The General looking calmly out of a window. "It would be a good time to take the census." After inviting him here the Democrats wished to throw away all animosity and welcome him without thought of sectional or party prejudice, past condition of servitude, past present or future bulldozing. I know the procession would be grand and was on the *qui vive* to see the display our men would make, for I think of all the men in uniform I ever saw none can equal the colored men in grandeur. You can judge of my surprise when on viewing the grand concourse there were no colored men with the exception of about four, and the colored band that was hired for the occasion. I did not rest till I had ascertained the cause. It seems that on the 4th of July 1874, the colored men were invited to join the parade and the different societies turned out in all their splendor. But before they had proceeded very far the Democrats in the rear became mutinous and would not remain back of the Negroes any longer, so the order was given for the colored men to fall out to the side and let the whites get in front. But instead of doing so they just kept on till they came to a corner and leaving the procession they marched to their lodges and have never turned out with them since. The Democrats were very anxious to have them take part in the Grant parade so as to convey the idea that there exists the most friendly feeling between the blacks and whites in this State. From 12 till 3 p. m., Grant held a reception and the colored men, women and children flocked there by hundreds and many quaint things were said and done by them.

The banquet at night was superb, and there were many fine toasts. The toast of the United Sates "Forever United" was responded to by Grant. The other toasts were "Our distinguished guest," "The President of the United States," "The Judiciary," "The Army of the U. S.," "The Navy," "The State of Arkansas," "The city of Little Rock," "Our Industries," "Woman" and "American Citizenship." Our estimable friend, Judge Gibbs responded to the last, and it is conceded by all who heard it that it was *the* toast of the evening.

In the General's remarks he said his Southern trip was leading him to believe that "sectional strife was passing away." Of course Southerners will treat our distinguished Northern men with all kindness so as to make them believe the old fire has died out, but many of the scenes in the "Fool's Errand" are carried on still. If the fire has died out in any locality it is not because the average Southerner has seen the error of his way, but because the leading colored and white Republicans who composed the fuel for this fire are dead or too coward to resist.

A VOICE FOR SHERMAN

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, *April* 20, 1880.

To the Advocate:

We are waiting for the result of the convention, and trusting the delegates will place some one before that honorable body who can sweep from the Gulf to the Lakes—which man is John Sherman. We trust that it has been decided in the minds of the people that the Hon. John Sherman is the choice of this great State. We believe that the United States owe Sherman a debt of gratitude that can only be paid by electing him to the highest office in the gift of the people. We should remember that there are thousands of honest democrats that feel themselves under obligations to Hon. John Sherman for the great work he has done for our government and can pay the debt in no better way than by going to the ballot box on the day of election and casting their votes for him. We find Hon. J. G. Blaine with many warm friends in the State of Ohio. We claim that Blaine is the smartest man we have, and we hope that he will rememer that democrats have too much power now, and that he will remain in the Senate, Grant, we hope, will get a rest this year. We think that Sherman can poll more votes than any other man we have. Give us Sherman in the convention, and we will give him the greatest lift in the election in November that the state has ever given a nominee. Mr. Sherman is a man that stood by his country in the hot flames of war when this government was rocked to its very foundation, and no man knew whether it would be destroyed or not Sherman think more of his country than he does of his life. He is the man we want. It is not because he is from Ohio, but because he is the man the people want.

P. H. Cooley.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The colored possess peculiar and orginal talent for the twin sciences, music and the drama. This is not imitative, it is intuitive and is developed on every ocassion.

At one time colored men were the chief musicians of New York and Philadelphia. When the Irish Greens went on their disastrous campaign to the frontier in 1818, they were accompanied by a colored band. We knew three members of this band. James Hutson a grand uncle of the writer hereof, Joseph Sidney and Thomas Ambry. One of them was the leader. At the celebration of peace in 1815, this band held a conspicuous position. In fact, at 4th of July and evacuation celebrations (25th of November) they were the leading musicians.

About the year 1824, and for many years subsequent, Bennoitt's Cotillion Band held sway at all the private balls and at the assembly rooms in the City Hotel. Louis Bennoitt was a colored Frenchman, and no ball was considered perfect without "Bennoitt's Band."

Frank Johnson was as popular in Philadelphia as Bennoitt was in New York. At all military and civic processions; at private parties and public balls, "Johnson's Band" was in requisition. He was master of his art, and could play on every musical instrument then known. In 1839 he visited Europe with a portion of his band and was rummond to play before Queen Victoria, who presented him a silver six-keyed or Kent bugle. This, and the violin were Captain Johnson's favorite instruments. He was tutor on the bugle of Willis, for many years leader of the West Point Band. Frank Johnson was also a composer of no mean celebrity and excellence.

The first dramatic exhibition by colored performers in New York was by James Hewlett about 1822. He was a man of considerable genius and very versatile in his personations. His chief forte was imitations; those of Kean and Matthews, the elder, being as near perfection in voice and manner as was possible.

About the year 1824 a company of colored performers opened a regular theatre at the corner of Houston and Mercer streets. It was fitted up with all the appliances necessary—scenery, machinery, orchestra, etc. It was built and under the management of Henry Brown, a retired steward of the Liverpool line of packet ships. Among the performers were some of decided merit. Wm. G. Stewart of Albany, was the leading tragedian; Hewlett was the variety man; Wm. Serrington, afterwards a Methodist minister of unexampled piety and eloquence; the celebrated Ira Aldridge, who achieved an enviable European reputation as a successful rival of Edmund and Charles Kean, Macready, Vandenhoff, the elder Booth and other of like repute.

Our dramatic artists have, until recently confind themselves to amateur exhibitions of their art, but few desiring to make it a profession, being satisfied by making a fair display of their elocutionary art. Of late, however, more attention has been given to the historionic art; the mystries of the drama are are more carefully studied, and this combined with the well-known musical proclivities of our race has brought them more prominently before the public, and they have achieved success in the different lines of operatic and dramatic art.

The burlesque ministrelsy has been a stepplogstone to the higher walks of the drama. Jubilee Singers and Georgia Minstrels have given our artists a chance to display their proficiency in that line of performances, and now we have a higher evidence of musical and dramatic abilities.—*Elevator.*

LEAP-YEAR HINTS.

Girls know only one-quarter as much about courting as boys, because they have only one year in four in which they are allowed to practice.

As a matter of course, leap year finds them poorly prepared to "step up and win," and we will give a few hints as to how it should be done.

First, get up in style, black your boots carefully, heels and all, and if the "shine" don't come in a hurry, slat the brush across the floor into the corner, quoting what scriptures you happen to know.

'Twill be a big job to put on your collar and necktie, and the chances are that there will be more looking in the glass than in the case of a fellow coming to see you.

Stroll down to the barber shop and get shaved, and have the barber "oil up" freely, otherwise all efforts to grease the wall paper will be futile.

On the way to "his" house speak to all the fellows you know; this is a good point and the only to pay him back for flirting with the girls for three years.

As you near the house, cross the street and pass by it. This will give you a chance to see if the parlor is lighted and to surmise whether or not any girl is calling.

If, when you step up and pull the door bell your heart is not in your mouth, you've struck the wrong house.

Inquire if the young gentlemen are in, and don't forget and wear your hat, hang it up on the piano or the floor, or some other place.

Chew cloves assidously during the call; otherwise "he" may think you've been drinking.

If he is a little timid, blushing thing, talk about the weather, his ma, pa, and other distant subjects.

If he plays and sings, stand up like a little man and turn the music—we don't refer to the orguinette.

He'll probably yawn and cover up an immense gap with his jewelled hand; but don't take the hint.

Playfully turn the gas down; he'll probably say, "Oh, you shouldn't," but recollect how he "doused the glim" last year.

You don't need to say much at this point. Conversation is apt to be a nuisance at critical junctures.

Previous experience will doubtless suggest the course of events for the rest of the evening.

When the old lady calls out, "It's 10 o'clock" don't mind it, wait till she calls 11 and 12 in fact stay till you hear the milk-man rattling his cans.

Ask for a match to light his cigar, linger at the door a half hour longer, make him think he is your own and only—and go and see another fellow the next evening.—*New Haven Register.*

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J. W. CROMWELL, Editor and Proprietor

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We invite our readers to a careful perusal of our letter from Little Rock, Arkansas.

We have been promised a series of scientific articles prepared by persons of ample scholarship, especially adapted to the needs of a large class of our readers.

John W. Woltz, although a "straight out" man at the Convention, says the convention was one of the most successful that has ever been held in Virginia.

We trust that no one will go to Baltimore who has not made some preparation, and who has not indulged in that pastime known as "solid reading."

Young people who give their evenings to frivolities and their days to idle gossip had better stay at home.

While our friend George W. Williams was down in Georgia looking after "that gold mine," he found time to be at Atlanta in season for the late State convention. Remarkable coincidence that. His presence there was a good omen. Like us, he believes John Sherman is the most available candidate the Republicans can nominate.

The Staunton Convention, notwithstanding it did not accomplish the desires of the readjusters, was not wholly a failure. It instructed for Grant, yet elected many Sherman delegates. Should not the ex-President be nominated on the first ballot, the Secretary of the Treasury will be sure of at least ten votes from Virginia, and don't you forget it.

The proposition brought forward by Senator Allison that the President appoint two colored cadets at large to West Point will fail to become a law, and it deserves to fail. The President and every Congressman has now all the power needed to secure a respectable number of colored lads at West Point. if they desire their presence there. But the discussion proves one thing, that the change in public opinion is such that colored cadets will continue to go to West Point, and that they will graduate and take their places in the army.

The editor of the *National Republican* refers to the avalanche of communications he has received on the West Point affair, and declines a further discussion of the matter. We do not know who his correspondents are or the character of their communications; at the same time we admit the right of the editor to bring to a close the discussion of any subject through his columns which is not likely to be both instructive and interesting; but this matter ought to be discussed until the spirit of caste vanishes not only from our churches, our schools, but from the counting rooms and stores,—aye, even the printing offices of the country.

We do not know what is in store next Monday night, the closing entertainment of the 15th. St. Presbyterian Lecture Course—something not laid down in the programme possibly will be presented, and we would do naught to anticipate the proposed action or to lessen its dramatic effect; but we do here say that Mr. J. H. Meriwether, the efficient manager of this course, has demonstrated in his own experience, what in this community was declared to be incapable of solution, that a selected course of lectures can and will be successfully attended, the interest riveted and sustained to the last. His primary motive may have been the financial success of the church, but in securing this he has advanced the literary tastes of many, by bringing before them men eminent in many walks of life, in law, theology, science, as students of political economists and travelers, and has given the public an introduction to many interesting questions on which the leading minds of our times are busily engaged.

For this work Mr. Meriwether deserves all praise.

Next season we trust he will extend his course, and by giving more variety to the ground gone over make it still more worthy if possible, of popular support.

PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS.

As the time draws near, and conventions elect and instruct their delegates, the contest becomes more and more exciting. Within the last ten days Virginia, Georgia, Arkansas, South Carolina, in the south, Ohio, Oregon, in the north, among Republicans; New York, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania among Democrats. There is as much uncertainty as ever. Virginia instructs for Grant but sends as a large poportion of her delegates, men who have declared preference for Secretary Sherman, Georgia elects an unpledged delegation; the exact complexion of which has not yet been settled. South Carlolina also has pledges her votes as a unit for the silent Captain, and, yet, among her delegates may be numbered those who have been openly accused of using their official influence in the behalf of other candidates. Ohio pronounces, as was to be expected, for her eminent financier, and statesman, John Sherman, but even here the Blaine men count ten out of the forty delegates elected. Oregon may be safely counted for Blaine, and Arkansas for Grant. In Maryland, Blaine had a solid delegation in 1876, but the returns this week show Grant is ahead, and certain of its support at Chicago.

The result, thus far, confirms our previous declarations, that as far as can now be ascertained, the fight will be between Grant and Blaine, with Sherman in the background as a stragetical candidate. If Sherman can keep his forces well in hand, he may defeat either Blaine or Grant in all probability both of these leading candidates. On the first ballot, the ex-President must be nominated, if at all unless unforeseen contingencies effect a favorable combination in quarters now deemed impossible. In the event of the defeat of the nomination of Grant, the most favorable moment, and opportunity for "The Plumed Knight of Maine" will occur. If he cannot then force his nomination he will be lost in the race. What ever the result, it should receive the hearty and cordial support of all republicans.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN VIRGINIA.

We commend the following from the New York "Times" to the calm consideration of our readers. This is no fancy sketch, but true to life.

Despite all these drawbacks, however, the convention, as has already been intimated, gave ample proof of the fact that the colored people of the South are rapidly gaining a more accurate knowledge of the duties of citizenship. It demonstrated, further, that the color line in Virginia is practically a thing of the past. Whatever else the Mahone or Readjuster movement has done, it has at least so shaken the Democratic Party, and so alarmed its leaders that the most violent of them are now disposed to make terms with the Negroes. To-day in Staunton, a Democratic stronghold, the members of the Republican Convention are as free from molestation or insult as they would be in Worcester, Mass. The Democrats are so much afraid that Mahone and the Readjusters will capture enough of their men to carry the State for Gen. Grant that they are, for the first time since the war, ready to meet their political opponents on something like an equal footing. So great is the change in this respect that during the convention all the hotels of Staunton were thrown open to Republican delegates, blacks as well as whites. For three days black men have taken their meals in company with white men and women in the public dining-rooms of houses kept by life-long Bourbons. To-day, in the Virginia House, the principal hotel here, I saw a black man dining with Gen. Wickham, Capt. Early, and Mr. Rives, representatives of the oldest families in the State. Other colored men sat at different tables around the room, and a large number of stanch Democrats, men and women, who were present, went on with their dinners as if the scene was not an unusual one. It may or may not be that Gen. Mahone and the Readjusters' revolution is responsible for this great change in public sentiment, but it is at least certain that to the extent indicated the color-line is broken down in Virginia. At last the colored voter is a person of some consequence in the Old Dominion. H. C.

Important to Those Desiring Positions as Teachers in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, MD.,
April 26th, 1880.

MR. J. W. CROMWELL,

SIR:—We inclose papers and facts concerning the employment of colored teachers in the colored public school, to your address, and have instructed all who have sought information of us to apply to you, trusting as we believe that you will give them all the encouragement and information that you can. Principals of colored schools take the same examination as a first assistant of a Male grammar school, except Algebra and Etymology. First assistants of colored schools take the same examination as the principals of a primary school. The Principal percentage is eighty. First assistant near eighty as possible, second and third assistants sixty-six. Please urge Miss Frances Williams, Miss Annie Foote and many others as can possibly be present at the examination, as the number who pass will favorably speak in our behalf.

Yours etc.
J. H. Riddick.

P. S. Salaries of principles from nine to fifteen hundred and the o her teachers four to seven hundred.

—G. L. Jackson late of South Washington is now at Easton, Md., where he proposes to teach night school and look after the after the ADVOCATE.

THE BALTIMORE SCHOOLS.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES.

We make the following extract from the superintendent's circular. In order to receive a certificate, as Principal of a Male Grammar School a satisfactory examination is required in Arithmetic, Algebra, Natural Philosophy, Etymology, English Grammar. Composition, History of the U. S. History of Maryland, Geography and Music. The examination for first assistant in Male or Female Grammar Schools is the same as that required for Principals of these schools. For Principal of a Female Grammar School the examination is the same as that for Principal of a Male Grammar School, omitting Algebra and Natural Philosophy. For Principal of a Primary School. The required studies are Arithmetic, U. S. History, History of Maryland, Geography, Composition, English Grammar and Music. The same studies are required for the grade of Second Assistant in Primary or Grammar Schools.

The next examination takes place the second Saturday in May.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

[For the People's Advocate.]

Although the weather was inclement, yet the Main Hall of the St. Paul Lyceum was pleasantly filled with the *elite* of the city. The exercises consisted of readings, addresses, discussions etc.

The following discussion was listened to with attention: Which is more benefit to the country, Physical or Intellectual Power? Resulting in favor of the affirmative. A resolution expressing their deepest sympathy to J. C. Whitraker was adopted. Mr. D. D. Dickson presided owing to the absence of the president, Mr. J. N. Bell.

The St. Mary's concert given last Monday, April 25th, was very successful. When it is knows that this concert was for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum of Colored Boys all will be pleased with its success.

The Tuesday Evening Club, a newly organized body, will give their first supper on next Tuesday, May 4th. A very agreeable time is expected.

The citizens are very much interested in the West Point Outrage. LENA.

PERSONAL.

The folly of factious opposition to Dr. Crummell must be apparent. Last Sunday morning he was invited by Rev. Dr. Hall to preach in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn New York. After the sermon a collection of $193 was taken up for the Doctor.

—D. H. Williams, of Janesville, Wis., was in our city this week the guest of Mr. H. E. Baker. Mr. Williams proposes to enter the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia next fall.

—Mrs. Nannie Toombs, who accompanied the New Orleans University Singers as leading soprano, is now in Philadelphia.

—Miss E. E. Smith, of the Miner Normal School is confined to her room by a severe sore throat disease.

—W. C. Chase speaks at Douglass Hall, Hillsdale, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Colored Cadet at West Point."

—George W. Williams made a semi-political-religious speech at the Republican convention in Georgia last week, and the Atlanta *Constitution* (Democratic) characterizes it as an able oratorical and scholarly effort.

—Mr. Wm. H. McWill was united in marriage with Mrs. Lizzie Ambush Chase last Wednesday evening at Asbury. A large and fashionable gathering witnessed the ceremony They left for Chicago Thursday evening.

An Appeal to the Benevolent.

"He gives Doubly who gives Timely."

Mrs. Hannah Maria Bunday, an aged resident of Philadelphia of long and well known Christian piety and standing, has passed from youth and plenty unto age and penury, and is in urgent need of immediate relief and assistance.

We have known Mrs. Bunday for a long term of years, having resided in the same dwelling with her when the lamented Octavius V. Catto was assasinated, and know that by his dastardly "taking-off" the veneerable lady was deprived of an income which enabled her to perform many acts of charity; but she is now rendered actually destitute.

Her residence is at 407 South 7th street below Pine street, and those who may nobly contribute to her aid will be rewarded from above in that record which is written by Angel's hands. PAMETTO. tf.

On Friday last, the beautiful ceremony, of presenting a flag by the colored ladies of Edwards, to the colored Odd Fellows, took place. Many of the brethren of this order faom Vicksburg and Jackson participated in the proceedings. "How beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." "How beautiful are thy ways O Lord! for as the children of Israel were fed by Thee with manna in the wilderness, so hast Thou bestowed blessings unto this people." The presentation of the flag was assisted by the following colored ladies: Mrs. Phoebe Ann Chase, Mrs. Betty Brown, Mrs. Hannah Garret, and Mrs. Jane Harris, when Mrs. Garret stepped forward and made the presentation speech. P. N. F. Edward L. Gillem received it on behalf of the Lodge. —Mississippi *Republican*.

"Colored newspapers are no use no how" but the men brought to the surface by them are putting in their good work quite well. R. P. Brooks, late of the "Virginia Star" though defeated for the Staunton Convention, has been elected Secretary of the State Central Committee and W. A. Pledger of the "Athens Blade" put at the head the one in Georgeia.

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☞ We call the attention of our correspondents and others to the notice at the head of our columns giving the days on which articles for publication should reach this office.

—President Patton, of Howard University, preached an interesting sermon at Lincoln Mission last Sunday evening.

—The Butler Singers of Georgetown are arranging to give a concert at the Fifth Baptist church about the middle of May.

—It is rumored that a new weekly paper will be issued to-day, by colored men, in this city.

—Prayer meeting at Lincoln Mission every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, led by Rev. S. P. Smith.

—The 19th Street Sunday School is preparing for a May Feast, to take place the latter part of May.

—The afternoon Sunday School at Lincoln Mission is in full bloom. A full and efficient corps of teachers, both white and colored, is working faithfully in the good cause.

—The ladies of the Third Baptist church will give a May Feast at Lincoln Mission Hall on R street, May 12th and 13th. Admission 10 cents, children half price.

—The 23rd Anniversary of the Benevolent Sons of Levi will take place in the Virginia Avenue Baptist church, corner Virginia ave. and 6th sts., s. w. on Monday evening, May 10th.

—An evening of song and social enjoyment will take place at Bethel Hall, Friday evening, May 14th, under the auspices of Union Bethel choir for the benefit of said choir. J. T. Layton, conductor, Miss Sadie J. Jones, pianist. Admission 25 cents.

—The grand United Club will give an entertainment for the benefit of Asbury Mission Thursday and Friday evenings May 9th and 7th at Lincoln Mission. The Catholic band will furnish music. Admission ten cents.

—A donation party will be given in Douglass Hall, Hillsdale Friday evening, May 7th, for the benefit of Mr. Dorsey who was recently burnt out by fire. Mrs. Fred Douglass jr., president, Mrs. C. W. Davis, treasurer and Mrs. S. G. Brown, secretary. Admission 25 cents; supper free.

—The Superintendent's Union of the District is arranging for a grand union mass meeting to take place in the President's Grounds on the 22nd of May. The Marine Band has been engaged for the occasion.

—A grand fair and festival begins at the 4th, Baptist church (Rev. Robert Johnson) on Monday evening, May 10th and will continue two or three weeks. The church is on R street between 12th and 13th, and has a splendid out-door space for enjoyment.

—Monday evening, May 10th, the Building Committee of the Central Baptist church will give a pleasant entertainment at Bethel Hall. A good band of music will be in attendance. The proceeds will be used in completing the church on the corner of 3rd and L sts., n. w J. W. Roane, prstor. Admission 15 cents.

—The Amateur Glee Club will give a concert at Ebenezer M. E. church, corner 4th and D streets, s. e., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings May 11th and 12th for the benefit of the church. Some of the best musical talent in the city will assist at this concert, Hamilcar Turley, conductor, Miss Estelle V. Wood, pianist. Admission 15 cents.

—There was a fine gathering at the residence of Mrs. Davis, 912 Massachusetts avenue last Monday evening, the occasion being a gotten up by Mrs. Davis for Mrs. Jane Turley who is past eighty years of age. The weather was very inclement, but the young ladies and gentlemen turned out valiantly to the rescue of the amiable old lady. There was music, both vocal and instrumental, select reading &c. Among those present were, Misses Geary, F. M. McCoy, Julia Thomas, Mrs. Ford and Adams; Mr. Longfellow of Philadelphia, Mr. Cook, Alexander Brooks and Mr. Hansbury.

—The 19th Street Baptist Sunday Shool elected the following officers last Sunday morning: superintendent, Mr. Walker; ass't. supt., Miss Rosetta E. Coakley; secretary, Miss Julia C. Grant; ass't. sec., G. M. Cook; treasurer, Miss A. Ross; librarian, Mr. Fred. Moore; ass'ts. Misses Fannie Jackson and Henrietta Clack; organist and chorister, Mr. George Foskey. The above officers are faithful and efficient.

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—The Theological Department of Howard University will hold its Commencement exercises in the New York avenue Presbyterian church on Friday evening, May the 7th at 7:30 o'clock.

—PINAFORE AGAIN! A complimentary benefit will be given to Mr. W. T. Benjamin by the Pinafore Midgets in the basement of St. Augustine Church, Monday, May 10, 1880. Admission, 25 cents.

—The superintendent and teachers of the Berean Sabbath school are making active preparations for a May Feast to be given by the little folks of that school in a few weeks. Due notice of the time and programme will be given in our local columns.

—The entire class of young ladies at the Miner Normal School will be allowed to graduate in June, but seven of them will not receive recommendations for positions as teachers from the principal.

—The choir of Union Bethel Church has been increased by the addition to it of eight new voices—three sopranos, 1 alto, 2 tenors and 2 basses. Already of very fine excellence, with this new strength, it is bound to continue as in the past, under the leadership of Mr. J. T. Layton, one of the very best choirs in the city. See the advertisement of its concert to come off on the 14th instant.

—The Colored Young Men's Christian Association gave a pleasant social in Bethel Hall last Tuesday evening. The popular National Band furnished sweet music and the ladies and gentlemen promenaded with a healthy step. The continual popping of corks gave evidence that the beer stand was being patronized to the detriment of the fruit and cake stand. An attempt was made by some ladies and gentlemen to delight the audience with Sunday School songs from the Wreath of Praise, but somehow it did not delight, and the books were closed. Mr. McKenny blew his cornet, the band began to play, and once more there was a hum of voices and the measured tread of the promenaders. This association deserves well of the public, and the public will undoubtedly give it their support in the future as it has done in the past.

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—Rev. J. W. Stevenson, the new pastor at Union Bethel A. M. E. Church preached last Sunday morning his inaugural sermon. He was introduced to the audience by Bishop J. M. Brown. His theme was "Faith" which he exemplified by introducing the character of Rahab. It is conceded that he made a very good impression on the congregation. At night Rev. G. W. Brodie preached a very eloquent discourse. The congregation, very many of whom were brought in the church during his ministration were visibly affected, many to tears. A handsome free-will offering was then given the late pastor. In his discourse in the morning, the new pastor referred to his mission which was to build a new edifice, alike worthy of the times, the congregation and the city. Monday night a conference with the official and trustee boards was held at which the salary of the new pastor was arranged and his plans for the new building unfolded and considered. He officiates to-morrow and then leaves for the General Conference at St. Louis where he will be absent several weeks.

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Dr. Joseph Leidy, Professor of Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, has just been awarded the great Walker prize for the value of his researches in natural history. This prize is given once in five years to the naturalist whom it shall decide to have performed the most elaborate and original work during that time. This prize has been awarded but once previously—five years ago—to Prof. Alexander Agassiz, of Cambridge. It is usually the sum of $500, but on account of the extraordinary merit of Dr. Leidy's researches the Council increased the sum to $1,000.

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